REMARKS

Applicant amends claims 1, 52-54, and 56 and adds new claims 58-61. Support for the amendments and new claims is found in the specification as originally filed. No new matter is added. Applicant cancels claims 10, 26-51, and 55 without prejudice and reserves the right to pursue these claims, and the subject matter thereof, in one or more divisional and/or continuation applications. As a result, claims 1-9, 11-25, 52-54, and 56-61 will be pending after entry of this Amendment.

The International Search Report that issued on September 29, 2004, in the PCT parent case, serial number PCT/US2004/011820, states, "Claims 10 and 55 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the elements recited in claims 10 and 55." Accordingly, Applicant amends independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 10 and Applicant amends independent claim 52 to include the limitations of claim 55.

Applicant also adds new dependent claims 58-60 and new independent claim 61. Support for the amendments and new claims is found in the specification as originally filed, for example, in paragraphs [0018]-[0020], [0182]-[0193], and [0239], and in the claims as originally filed, for example, original claims 1 and 10. No new matter is added.

Conclusion

Claims 1-9, 11-25, 52-54, and 56-61 are submitted for examination in this application and are believed to be in condition for allowance. If an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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